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RE: MB Docket No. 14-57

Dear Chairman Wheeler and Commissioners:

As the Majority Leader for the Georgia House of Representatives and more importantly the representative for the 146th House District, I take the business of our state extremely seriously and enjoy hearing good news about good companies that operate in it. Thus, when I heard of the growth opportunities for Comcast and its local employees and our state, I was thrilled.

While the people of my district do not have access to the services of Comcast, I am aware of what the company offers, both in programming and community investment, in other parts of the state, including its capital city of Atlanta where I have a temporary residence during the legislative session. It is my privilege to support the proposed transaction between Comcast and Time Warner Cable.

I understand that in the last 20 years, Comcast has made broad investments in our state's infrastructure, totaling \$4 billon. The company is also a great employer in our state for some 4,000 Georgians and is always looking at ways to support the economic engine with high paying technology salaries. The company has also made significant efforts to narrow the digital divide in Georgia by providing low-cost, high-speed Internet to underserved children and families through the Internet Essentials program. This program has been operational since 2011 and is already achieving results for many Georgians. If the proposed transaction is approved, Comcast will extend this program to many more.

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Georgia needs more programs like this that are focused on the success and advancement of our young people and I believe, like other state leaders, that education is the great equalizer. In addition to digital adoption, Comcast is a community partner, rooted in many regions of the state, and performing works of charity and volunteer service. In fact, thousands of Comcast employees and volunteers participate every year in what they call Comcast Cares Day at multiple sites where they can roll up their sleeves and give back in a big way to Georgia. While Comcast Cares Day is one of the largest days of volunteerism in the country, the philanthropic arm of the company is active year-round.

Finally, Comcast not only employs thousands of Georgians, it ensures that they have access to health benefits and tuition reimbursements so they can better themselves and this increases the economic prosperity of the state. The company is a leader in the corporate arena, and more businesses should follow its example. I support the proposed transaction to unite Comcast and Time Warner Cable and urge you to do the same.

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